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Title : Pipe Joining Assembly
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 23, 2004.

All of claims 1 to 20 in this application are allowed.

Enclosed are 6 (six) revised drawing sheets containing Figures 1 to 6 which now include proper cross-hatching, as requested by the Examiner.

We look forward to receipt of the Notice of Allowance in due course.

Yours very truly,

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Formal Figures 1 to 6